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April 25, 2005

Doug Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (GRRCD), for the Dutch Bill Creek Sediment Control Project grant in the Dutch Bill Creek watershed. The GRRCD has a track record of many successful projects that include erosion control, salmon habitat restoration, fencing of critical habitat, spring development and tree planting.

It is my understanding that with this funding, the GRRCD will assist landowners with implementing erosion control and erosion prevention actions at 129 sites located on six private parcels in the Dutch Bill Creek watershed. The work will address approximately 11.2 miles of road and achieve an estimated 25,230 cubic yards of total sediment savings. A second aspect of this project will be the organization of a three-day workshop for local heavy equipment operators to learn to address methods for treating erosion sources associated with rural roads.

Dutch Bill Creek is one of two Russian River tributaries found to have rearing juvenile Coho Salmon. This project will greatly improve their habitat by addressing the erosion that results in sedimentation of spawning gravels and deterioration of rearing habitat.

This project will greatly benefit the Dutch Bill Creek Watershed and I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration. If I can provide any further information, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

WESLEY CHESBRO
State Senator, Second District

WC:jl

CC: Lisa Hulette, Natural Resource Coordinator
Gold Ridge RCD

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Jim King
California Coastal Conservancy
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patty Berg".

PATTY BERG
Assemblymember, 1st District

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cc: Joe Pozzi, Gold Ridge RCD
Lisa Hulette, Project Manager, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

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April 13, 2005

Jim King
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1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

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Sincerely,

Mike Reilly, Sonoma County Supervisor, Fifth District

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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Russian River Watershed Planning and Restoration
Central Coast Region
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April 19, 2005

Jim King

Doug Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, California 94612

RE: Dutch Bill Creek Sediment Control Project – May Staff Recommendation

Dear Chairman Bosco:

This letter is to convey Department of Fish and Game support for your staff's proposal for the Conservancy to provide \$135,000 to the Gold Ridge RCD for implementing erosion control measures in the Dutch Bill Creek watershed. Dutch Bill Creek is an important coho salmon tributary to the Russian River. Dutch Bill Creek currently supports a single year class of coho salmon which is a very valuable source of broodstock for the Russian River Coho Broodstock Program. The Broodstock Program is attempting to re-establish coho populations in historic coho streams in the Russian River watershed utilizing wild broodstock from streams such as Dutch Bill Creek.

The Department has agreed to provide \$513,315 under its 2003-2004 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program for the erosion control effort in the Dutch Bill Creek watershed. The Conservancy's authorization would complement this funding and provide the RCD with the means to complete all work outlined under a DFG-supported assessment completed in 2002. This kind of interagency collaboration is needed to address the large scale watershed rehabilitation needed to recover the region's anadromous fishery. I encourage your support of your staff's recommendation. Please contact me at (707) 744-8713 should you have questions concerning DFG's work in the Russian River watershed or if you have specific questions concerning the Dutch Bill Creek proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Derek Acomb'.

Derek Acomb
Russian River Basin Planner
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Jim King
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April 14, 2005

Dear Mr. King,

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (GRRCD), for the Dutch Bill Creek Sediment Control Project grant in the Dutch Bill Creek watershed. The GRRCD has a track record of many successful projects that include erosion control, salmonid habitat restoration, fencing of critical habitat, spring development and tree planting.

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A second aspect of this project will be the organization of a 3-day workshop for local heavy equipment operators to learn to address methods for treating erosion sources associated with rural roads. I feel that this pragmatic equipment based field workshop is absolutely critically needed in our region to ensure that from here on out all future road work performed by local equipment operators be done right, in a fish friendly manner, the first time.

As a demonstration of my commitment to this application, Lisa Hulette and I have had several discussions about OAEC's WATER Institute supporting the workshop through co-sponsorship with staff, facilities use and outreach as appropriate. As one of the six private property owners participating in this road restoration program, I have also offered the use of our 80 acre parcel as a hands-on and 'equipment-on' educational field site. A number of the road restoration implementation techniques are planned for our property, such as culvert upgrading, rolling and critical dip installations and roadbed out-sloping.

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Dutch Bill Creek is one of two Russian River tributaries found to have rearing juvenile coho salmon. This project will greatly improve their habitat by addressing the upland and road related erosion that results in sedimentation of spawning gravels and deterioration of rearing habitat. I am actively involved throughout the Dutch Bill watershed on behalf of supporting the recovery of Coho and Steelhead, and I feel that this work is of critical importance to the long-term carrying capacity of the creek for Coho.

This project will greatly benefit the Dutch Bill Creek Watershed and I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (707) 874-1557 ext. 206.

Sincerely



Brock Dolman
WATER Institute Director
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